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Mr. Rich Jones  
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Dear Mr. Jones:

This is a final response to your 27 December 2011 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, submitted on behalf of MuckRock News, received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 27 December 2011, for "the first 20, by order of creation, documents mentioning Anwar al-Awlaki."

As you were advised on 12 November 2011 in connection with a near identical request (F-2012-00200), the FOIA was enacted to provide a means for the general public to access government records. Under the provisions of the FOIA, federal agencies are not required to perform research, answer questions, create records, or conduct unreasonable searches through a body of material to see if any of its related to a particular request. Therefore, we must decline your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Viscuso", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Viscuso  
Information and Privacy Coordinator